

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, lines 1-16 as follows:

B. The plug 22-2 is oriented so that its North, South, East and West pole markings match the North, South, East and West pole markings on the patient's condyle 10 as shown in FIGURE 14. Any abnormality in shape and/or tissue material that may interfere with the fit of the plug 22-2 within the cavity site 10-2 should be corrected prior to final insertion. The plug 22-2 is press-fit into cavity 10-2 by advancing the former into the latter using a cannulated tamping tool T (see FIGURE 15). A small mallet MT may be used in combination with the tamping tool T in order to forcibly push the plug 22-2 into the cavity site 10-2 on the patient's condyle 10. Care should be taken to ensure that all edges of the plug 22-2 advance substantially equally into the cavity site 10-2 and that the plug 22-2 does not become angularly canted. Any fragmentary cartilage is then removed around the perimeter of the plug 22-2 once seated within the cavity site 10-2. The allograft plug 22-2 may then be secured by using a low profile headless surgical screw positioned within the central hole 22-2b (see FIGURE 12) which remains after removal of the pin 26.
